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SUBJECT: ISRAELI VIEWS OF UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: UNDER THE TITLE "WALDHEIM'S ACTIVITY NOT WELCOMED BY ISRAEL" HAARETZ PUBLISHED THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE DECEMBER 17 BY ITS WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT (MARGALIT): BEGIN TEXT: ISRAEL HAS CONVEYED TO THE U.S. HER DISSATISFACTION WITH THE INCREASED ACTIVITY OF THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL ON CONVENING THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. THIS ACTIVITY ON WALDHEIM'S PART DERIVES, IN ISRAEL'S OPINION, FROM SOVIET-ARAB COLLABORATION AND THE SOVIETS MAY VERY LIKELY EXPLOIT THIS HEIGHTENED ACTIVITY ON HIS PART BY ONCE AGAIN BROACHING THE SUBJECT OF THEIR "WORKING DOCUMENT" OF LAST SEPTEMBER SETTING FORTH THE CONDITIONS FOR CONVENING OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. WHILE SOME AMERICAN OFFICIALS DO NOT AGREE WITH THE CRITICISM OF WALDHEIM, OTHERS ARE AWARE OF THE THREAT INHERENT IN HIS ACTIVITY, STATING THAT THEIR OPPOSITION WAS EXPRESSED IN THE AMERICAN VOTE AGAINST THE MODERATE EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL SOME TEN DAYS AGO.
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THE U.S. APPEARS TO SHOW UNDERSTANDING OF ISRAEL'S CONTENTION THAT WALDHEIM'S ACTIVITY IS AIMED AT IMPOSING UPON ISRAEL THE VERY SAME CONDITIONS IT HAD REJECTED IN THE MODERATE EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL. TO DR. KISSINGER AND OTHERS WALDHEIM EXPLAINED THAT HE IS "OBLIGATED" TO ACT BY VIRTUE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S DECISION. END TEXT. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE: MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL AVINERI AND DIRECTOR OF NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS RAVIV HAVE BOTH MENTIONED TO US ISRAELI CONCERN ABOUT WALHEIM'S RECENT ACTIVITIES REGARDING THE MIDDLE EAST. RAVIV REFERRED TO THESE ACTIVITIES AS "MEDDLING" AND COMMENTED THAT WALDHEIM MIGHT HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY IN FUTURE MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS BUT THAT ROLE SHOULD BE DETERMINED BY THE PARTIES CONCERNED AND NOT BY THE SYG. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.
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